Formation of National Drug Authority (NDA)

4. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up an independent body known as the National Drug Authority (NDA) which will be responsible for determining pricing parameters, quantity control and the span of drugs that ought to be under price control as reported in the Economic Times dated 18th November, 1993;

(b) if so, the details/composition thereof, indicating the present stage of approval by Cabinet;

(c) whether NDA would annually review the span or control on drugs and determine the extent of price revisions to be provided; and

(d) by when the new Drug Policy is likely to be announced and also indicating whether the Annual Report of NDA would be placed before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) A Background Note on Review of Drug Policy 1986 was discussed in both the Houses of Parliament in August, 1993. Final decisions on various aspects of the Review of Drug Policy, 1986 are still to be taken.

Control of molasses by States

5. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) the States which are still adopting molasses control even after the announcement of molasses, decontrol policy by the Central Government; and

(b) the steps taken/to be taken by Government for them to enforce real decontrol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Major Sugar producing States like U.P., Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Haryana are retaining controls on molasses. Affected parties have moved petitions in concerned High Courts challenging the continuation of controls over molasses by the states.

Implementation of Provisions of Drug Policy 1986

6. PROF. I. G. SANADI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of provisions of existing Drug policy 1986 have not been implemented at all or have been implemented partially; and

(b) if so, the details of such provisions and the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) To the extent practically possible, all the provisions of existing Drug Policy, 1986 are being implemented.

(b) Does not arise.

Overcharging of Prices of Drugs/Medicines

7. PROF. I. G. SANADI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding overcharging of prices of medicines/drugs which have come to the notice of Government under Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Control Order (DPCO) 1978 and 1987 and what action has been taken against each such company; and

(b) what is the present position of each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) This Ministry had received certain complaints of overcharging of Bulk Drugs and formulations which have been forwarded to the concerned Drug controllers of States/ Food and Drug Control Administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra has filed a complaint in the Court of Law against 9 units including Traders and Manufacturers. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat has also initiated action against 3 units. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat & Maharashtra have been requested to intimate the progress of the cases and also expedite the matter. Amounts overcharged have been calculated in 14 cases, the details of which have been stated in the enclosed statement (*See* below). As regards details of overcharging drugs during the operation of the DPCO, 79 the requisite information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXIX, annexure No. 7].

Statement

Details regarding overcharging of prices of Medicines & Drugs in 14 cases

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Period involved	Name of the drug	Amount of tentative liability	Amount deposited
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	M/s. Ckrupa Traders .	1989-90	Rifampicin	20.48	
2	M/s. IDPL . . .	Aug' 87 to Nov. 87	Sulphadimidine	37.30	
3	M/s. A.P. Chemicals .	Feb. 88 to Nov. 88	Paracetamol	25.43	
4	M/s. Malladi Drugs .	April 88 to March. 90	Ephedrine	116.30	
5	M/s. Lupin Labs . .	1988 to 91	Rifampicin	3.72	
6	M/s. Lupin Labs . .	1989-90	Ethambutol	17.31	
7	M/s. Sarabhai . .	Misc.	Vitatmin C	20.00	20.00
8	M/s. Pfizer . . .	April 86 to December, 88	Multivitamin	98.00	49.00
9	M/s. Sandoz . .	April, 86 to Sept. 87	Multivitamin	74.68	37.34*
10	M/s. Borreinghen Knoll	Dec. 84 to Jan. 88	Euglucon	97.74	
11	M/s. Carews . .	Nov. 86 to Dec. 88	Combiflam	710.24	
12	M/s. IDPL . . .	1985-86 to 1987-88	Imported Bulk Drug	336.45	
13	M/s. Infar . . .	1985 to 1991	Dexatopic	271.46	
14	M/s. Pfizer . . .	April 86 to July, 89	Protinex	81.83	

*Deposited with the Bombay High Court